

# SENATE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COST CONTROL IN STATE GOVERNMENT

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## About the Commission Members

The Commission on Cost Control in State Government consists of 27 qualified members from the private and public sector who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Senate Rules Committee. Commission members act independently, form task forces, select areas of study, and serve without a salary. This body is the only Senate authority that deals exclusively with promoting cost control and increased efficiency of state government.

## Commission on Cost Control in State Government Members

### **Jacki Bacharach (Chair)**

of Rancho Palos Verdes, is the founder of Jacki Bacharach & Associates, specializing in government and transportation administration and policy development. She is the Executive Director of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the Ventura Council of Governments, and she represents the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority on the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency. Ms. Bacharach was Mayor of Rancho Palos Verdes. She was a member of the L.A. County Transportation Commission and served as founding Chair of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (which operates Metrolink). Senate Rules Committee appointed Ms. Bacharach to the Cost Control Commission in February 1989. She was appointed Chair in November 2004.

### **Werner P. Austel**

of Alamo, retired Pacific Bell Assistant Vice President, where he was responsible for all contracting and supply chain management. He established this organization for Pacific Bell as a result of AT&T's divestiture of Pacific Bell. Since retirement he has done pro bono consulting for nonprofit organizations. Mr. Austel recently served on the Committee for Youth Safety and Development in the San Ramon Valley. Since 1996 he has chaired the Friendship program for mentally disabled students and adults in Contra Costa County. Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Austel to the Cost Control Commission in January 1998.

### **John M. Basler**

of Hillsborough, retired Pacific Bell Vice President for Support Services. He was a member of the Advisory Committee to the City Administrator, City of San Francisco, the Construction Industry Council of California, the Western Council of Construction Consumers, and the National Business Roundtable. Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Basler to the Cost Control Commission in March 1989.

**John L. Burton**

of San Francisco, former State Senator who was elected President pro Tem, the second most powerful post in state government, in February 1998. He served in that position until termed out of office in November 2004. Senator Burton was elected to the Senate in 1996, representing parts of San Francisco and Sonoma County and all of Marin County. He previously served in the Assembly from 1964 to 1974 and from 1988 to 1996, and was a member of Congress from 1974 to 1982. Senator Burton's legislative accomplishments include securing \$15 million for the University of California Medical Center to fund drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs; creating the first educational program for autistic children; developing a funding formula for the SSI program for the aged, blind and disabled that is the highest in the nation; and passing a resolution endorsing the McBride principles, which seek to protect the human rights of Catholics in the North of Ireland. Senator Burton also wrote the law protecting the prevailing wage rate in California, won fair share fee protections for university employees and was instrumental in restoring the 8 hour work day in California. In Congress, he established the Point Reyes Wilderness Area, the Farallon Marine Sanctuary and prohibited offshore drilling along the Point Reyes Seashore. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Senator Burton to the Cost Control Commission in November 2004.

**Henry Wolfgang Carter**

of Seaside, is an attorney and consultant with the firm he founded in 2001, H.W. Carter Consulting, LLC., that specializes in the electronic communications and financial services industry. Previously he was the Assistant General Counsel and Vice-President for E\*TRADE Securities, Inc., a leading provider of online financial services and products and the largest all-electronic discount broker-dealer in the world. Mr. Carter is an expert on internet strategies and frequently advises the internet sector on issues of current and future opportunities. He is responsible for compliance-related problems involving corporate and securities laws from both a domestic and international perspective in the internet environment. Mr. Carter is the author of numerous publications and is a frequent speaker in the U.S. and Europe on issues involving securities laws and the internet. He was a California Senate Fellow assigned to State Senator Dan McCorquodale in 1985-86. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Carter to the Cost Control Commission in March 2004.

**Jerry Chang**

of Sacramento, retired from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District where he served as a Senior Staff Engineer and Project Manager. He has been an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Water Resources, and the California Department of Transportation. Mr. Chang is a member of the State Health Care Advisory Committee, the U.S. Department of Transportation Advisory Committee, the National Academy of Science, and the National Science Foundation Advisory Committee. He was a member of both the State Seismic Safety Commission and the Taiwan Sister State Legislature Task Force, and is the founder of the Sacramento Chinese Mandarin Cultural and Educational Club. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Chang to the Cost Control Commission in March 1986.

**Judith K. D'Amico**

of Gold River, is a Principal, CJ Ventures, Investments and Consulting. She is a member of the Board of Directors for El Dorado Community Foundation, the Northern California World Trade Center, and the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce. She is also Vice-Chair of the El Dorado County Job One Board of Directors and Chair of the Forest Foundation. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Ms. D'Amico to the Cost Control Commission in February 2001.

**Jerrold A. Fine**

of Los Angeles, is President of Revere Financial, a developer of residential and commercial projects. Mr. Fine's company acquires non-performing assets from the FDIC and other financial institutions and provides loan servicing for those assets. Mr. Fine serves as treasurer of Temple Shalom for the Arts and is Chair of the building committee for the restoration of Westside Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles. He Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Fine to the Cost Control Commission in May 1993.

**Robert L. Fox**

of Ventura, was Chair & CEO of KVEN Broadcasting Corporation. He was the Chair of both the Radio Board of the National Association of Broadcasters and the Southern California Broadcasters Association. He is also the founder and President of the National Leukemia Broadcast Council. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Fox to the Cost Control Commission in March 1986.

**Fredric S. Freund**

of San Francisco, is the Senior Vice President of Hanford, Freund & Company, a full service real estate firm that specializes in commercial and residential property management, leasing and sales in the San Francisco Bay Area. He was President of the San Francisco Association of Realtors and has served on the board of several corporations and financial institutions. Mr. Freund is Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Department of Building Inspection. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Freund to the Cost Control Commission in April 1989.

**Louise C. Gelber Fetchet**

of Arcadia, is an attorney in private practice. She is a member of the board of the Southern California Motion Picture Council, the Legal Aid Society, and People for People. She served as a judge pro tempore and as a settlement officer in the Los Angeles Municipal and Superior Court, and she was an attaché with the California Supreme Court. Ms. Gelber Fetchet is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*; *Who's Who of California*, *Who's Who in American Politics*; and *Who's Who in American Law*. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Ms. Gelber Fetchet to the Cost Control Commission in February 1989.

**Raphael Lamar Henderson**

of Pasadena, is First Vice President, Regional Director, of CalFed Retail Bank in Los Angeles. He is a member of the board of the Los Angeles Economic Development Council, Child Education Center, Challengers Boys & Girls Club, and Los Angeles County School to Career. He is also is a volunteer academic recruiter of minority students at USC. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Henderson to the Cost Control Commission in March 1999.

**Donald Jackson**

of Fresno, is an attorney specializing in taxation. He is a member of the Public Employment Relations Board and a member of the California Senate Staff Compensation Committee. He served on the California Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, and he was a delegate on the California Trade Delegation to China. Mr. Jackson is Chairman of the Board of Maddy Institute, Central California Women's Conference, and St. Agnes Medical Center Investment Committee. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Jackson to the Cost Control Commission in April 1994.

**Mark F. Johannessen**

of West Sacramento, is an attorney-mediator in private practice specializing in family law and international business. He has also served as an environmental project developer. Mr. Johannessen is a member of the Yolo County Economic Development Council, and he is a member of the board and Chair of the Economic Development and Government Affairs Committee of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Johannessen to the Cost Control Commission in March 2003.

**Ross Johnson**

of Irvine, former State Senator, first elected to the Legislature in 1978, representing communities in Orange County. Senator Johnson served as Chief Legislative Aide to Assemblyman Jerry Lewis from 1968-1973. He was elected to the State Assembly in 1978 and served until 1995 when he was elected to the State Senate. In both the Assembly and the Senate, Senator Johnson focused his legislative agenda on anti-crime and anti-tax legislation. He was a co-author of the "Three Strikes, You're Out" law and advocated fiscal responsibility in state government. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Senator Johnson to the Cost Control Commission in November 2004.

**Beth B. Kennedy**

of Los Angeles, is CEO for the Kaizen Heron Group, a convergent media consulting and development company. Ms. Kennedy, an attorney, is considered one of Hollywood's New Media pioneers. She has 15 years experience as a studio executive at MCA and has held senior positions in the technology, digital media and production departments at Universal Pictures, Universal Television, Sony and Disney. A lecturer and educator, she has served on the executive boards of directors and committees of Women in Film, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, and Seattle Book Company. Ms. Kennedy was L.A.'s Executive Director for Entertainment Industry Affairs ("Film Czar") for Mayor Tom Bradley. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Ms. Kennedy to the Cost Control Commission in May 1990.

**Gino Lazzara**

of San Francisco, is the General Manager of the Holiday Inn Civic Center in San Francisco. His career in hotel management and hotel food and beverage operations spans several decades and includes stints in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Channel Islands, and several California cities. Mr. Lazzara has received numerous recognitions, honors, and awards for his community activity and public service in San Francisco. He serves as Vice President for the Committee for Italians Abroad, the Special Olympics, the Red Cross, and is affiliated with several Italian-American clubs and organizations. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Lazzara to the Cost Control Commission in November 2004.

**David Lopez-Lee, Ph.D.**

of Los Angeles, is a Professor in the School of Policy, Planning and Development, University of Southern California, and he is a policy and program evaluation specialist for the Institute for Public Private Partnership at USC. He was Director of Management Training, Research and Program Development at Mariscal and Company. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Lopez-Lee to the Cost Control Commission in May 1986.

**Dick Mak**

of San Francisco, is the President & CEO of Pacific Transportation Inc. He is also the President & CEO of Mak Brothers General Construction Company. Mr. Mak is a member of the Small Business Advisory Commission, City and County of San Francisco, and Co-Chair of the Chinese American Political Alliance. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Mak to the Cost Control Commission in September 1999.

**Lali Moheno**

of Visalia, is a public relations consultant at Lali Moheno & Associates. Ms. Moheno is Vice Chair of the California State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, founder of Latinas in Business and Professions of Central California, and is the Central Valley representative to the National Latina Business Women's Association. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Ms. Moheno to the Senate Cost Control Commission in August 2003.

**A. Alan Post**

of Sacramento, former Legislative Analyst for the California Legislature and is an artist and economist. He is the Co-Chair of the California Citizens Budget Commission and a member of the board of directors for the Public Policy Institute of California. Mr. Post was Chair of the Commission on Government Reform, a member of the Commission on Ballot Initiatives, and the Interim Executive Director for the Commission for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education. He served as a consultant on building democratic institutions for the Agency for International Development and served on the Task Force on California's Water Future. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Post to the Cost Control Commission in March 1986.

**Andre Quintero**

of El Monte, is an attorney with the Law Offices of Glauber Berenson in Pasadena, specializing in workers' compensation laws. Mr. Quintero was elected in 2001 to the Rio Hondo Community College District Board of Trustees. He was a clerk in the General Counsel's Office of the Los Angeles Community College District where he worked on student privacy rights and other legal issues related to educational policy. In 1998, Mr. Quintero was selected to participate in the prestigious California Senate Fellow Program where he developed an expertise in veterans' and seniors' issues while assigned to State Senator Joseph L Dunn. He served as Student Body President and President of the UC Student Association while attending UC Riverside. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Quintero to the Cost Control Commission in February 2004.

**John Rivera, Ph.D.**

of San Diego, served as the San Diego City Council Consultant for the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee and for the Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Fiscal Reform. He was Chair of the Chicano Federation Leadership Training Institute and has been active in a variety of government, education, and business endeavors. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Rivera to the Cost Control Commission in February 1989.

**Robert Simms**

of San Francisco, is an attorney with Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy, a full service law firm based in San Francisco. He is the founder and CEO of Trux Airline Cargo Services. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Simms to the Cost Control Commission in June 1990.

**Stanley Stalford, Jr.**

of Los Angeles, is President of Stalford Homes. He was a member of the Jewish Labor Committee. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Mr. Stalford to the Cost Control Commission in September 1993.

**Victoria Trevino**

of Malibu, owns Heaven on Earth Holdings, a design company that develops and provides consulting on residential developments in the U.S. and abroad. She is a member of Hispanics for L.A. Opera and the Viewpoint School Endowment Fund. She is also a member of the National Wildlife Federation. The Senate Rules Committee appointed Ms. Trevino to the Cost Control Commission in November 2001.